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# Receiving the Miraculous





# How did you receive?

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- Galatians 3:2-5 ...Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? <sup>3</sup> Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh? <sup>4</sup> Have you suffered so many things in vain—if indeed *it was* in vain? <sup>5</sup> Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, *does He do it* by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?



# Miracle to the undeserving

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- John 5:1-9 After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.” Jesus said to him, “Stand up, take your mat and walk.” At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.



# Miracle, not because of me

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- Acts 3:6 Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." <sup>7</sup> And he took him by the right hand and lifted *him* up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.
- Acts 3:12 "Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our **own power or godliness** we had made this man walk?
- Acts 3: 16 And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know.



# Hearing of faith

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- Galatians 3:5 Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, *does He do it* by the works of the law, or by the **hearing of faith**?
- Heb 4:2-3 For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being **mixed with faith** in those who heard *it*.<sup>3</sup> For we who have **believed** do enter that rest



# Hearing about Jesus

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- Mark 10:46-48 Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging. <sup>47</sup> And when **he heard that it was Jesus** of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>48</sup> Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"
- Romans 10:17 So then faith *comes* by **hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**



# Receiving miracles

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- Galatians 3:5 Therefore He who **supplies the Spirit** to you and **works miracles** among you, *does He do it* by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? <sup>6</sup> just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”? <sup>7</sup> Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. <sup>8</sup> And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” <sup>9</sup> So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.



# Faith has a response

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- Romans 10:9-10 If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.